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Under the new conditions the Chinese in Hawaii are likely to grow scarce enough without having their own doctors licensed.
Robert Burns was a great poet, and many people know it—today in Honolulu.
If Papa Ika can walk the new cement sidewalks barefooted without scathe, he can everlastingly squelch two theories of the morning press.
Procrastination, the thief of time, is growing old and will engage Loquacity to assist him in despoiling the Legislature of the precious article.
If the Honolulu Merchants' Association members stand by its rules, it cannot but be a useful institution. There the main trouble lies. A few years ago a mass meeting of merchants resolved to abolish the antiquated system of quarterly credit, but the bill collectors, when they next hied forth with their monthly reminders, were turned away from firms that had cordially joined in the movement, with the calm observation that these firms settle accounts quarterly.
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Fire Walking Ceremony and Incantations of Priests

The advent of Papa Ika with his feat of fire-walking gives particular interest to a pamphlet published by the Polynesian Society. The title is "Te Umu-Ti, A Ralatea Ceremony." The text is written by Miss Teuira Henry of Honolulu. The following preface shows that some doubt existed in the minds of the publishers as to the authenticity of the ceremony: "As no member of the Council has been privileged to witness the ceremony described herein, the Council cannot undertake to guarantee the truth of the story, but willingly publish it for the sake of the incantation."

After describing the ti oven, Miss Henry writes as follows: "There is a strange ceremony connected with the Umu Ti (or ti-oven) that used to be practiced by the heathen priests at Ralatea, but can now be performed by only two individuals (Tupua and Taeroi), both descendants of priests. This ceremony consisted in causing people to walk in procession through the hot oven when flattened down, before anything had been placed in it, and without any preparation whatever, bare footed or shod, and on their emergence not even smelling of fire. The manner of doing this was told by Tupua. All the white residents of the place, as well as the French officers, were present to see the ceremony, which is rarely performed nowadays. No one has yet been able to solve the mystery of this surprising feat, but it is to be hoped that scientists will endeavor to do so while those men who practice it still live."

Tupua's Incantation.
Hold the leaves of the ti plant before, picking them, and say:
"Oh host of gods! awake, arise! you and I are going to the ti oven tomorrow."
If they float in the air, they are gods, but if they feel touch the ground they are human beings. Then break the ti leaves off and look towards the direction of the oven, and say:
"O hosts of gods! go tonight and tomorrow you and I shall go."
Then wrap the ti leaves up in hau (hibiscus) leaves and put them to sleep in the marae where they must remain until morning, and say in leaving:
"Arise! awake! Oh hosts of gods! Let your feet take you to the ti oven; fresh water, and salt water come also. Let the dark earth-worm, and the light earth-worm, go to the oven. Let the redness, and the shades of the fire all go. You will go, you will go tonight, and tomorrow it will be you and I; we shall go to the Umu Ti." (This for the night).
When the ti leaves are brought away they must be tied up into a wand and carried straight to the oven, and opened when all are ready to pass through; then hold the wand forward and say:
"Oh men (spirits) who heated the oven! let it die out! Oh dark earth-worms! Oh light earth-worms! fresh water, and salt water, heat of the oven, and redness of the oven, hold up the footsteps of the walkers, and fan the heat of the bed. Oh cold beings, let us lie in the midst of the oven, Oh Great-woman-who-set-fire-to-the-skies! hold the fan, and let us go into the oven for a little while!" (When all are ready to walk in we say:
"Holder of the first footstep!
Holder of the second footstep!
Holder of the third footstep!
Holder of the fourth footstep!
Holder of the fifth footstep!
Holder of the sixth footstep!
Holder of the seventh footstep!
Holder of the eighth footstep!
Holder of the ninth footstep!
Holder of the tenth footstep!
Oh Great-woman-who-set-fire-to-the-skies! all is covered!"
Then everybody walks through without hurt, into the middle and around the oven, following the leader, with the wand beating from side to side.

DEATH BY SUICIDE.
The jury in the case of the death of E. C. Kaufmann met in the deputy sheriff's office yesterday afternoon. The witnesses examined were Dr. J. S. Pratt, of the Board of Health, J. C. Cohen of the Orpheum and R. L. Cat-Cohen, the man who first discovered the body of deceased.
Dr. Pratt made the statement that the bullet had entered the brain through the mouth, the ball coming out of the top of the head. There was a compound fracture of the skull and the bones were pressed out. Either concussion of the brain or hemorrhage ensued, causing death.
J. C. Cohen said that Kaufmann had been a lodger at the Orpheum lodging house. He loaned the deceased some money at about 6 o'clock Wednesday evening and did not see him again until he was dead. Mr. Cohen said that he believed the man committed suicide on account of the story about him in the Advertiser Thursday morning.
Caswell told of how he had found the body in the music room of the old barracks.
The jury returned a verdict of death by suicide.

CULLUM TO BE RETURNED.
Springfield, Ill., January 17.—The Republican joint caucus to-night unanimously nominated Senator S. M. Cullum for United States Senator. The contest came to an unexpected close about noon today by the announcement that former Governor Tanner and Cannon, rift and Prince had withdrawn from the race, leaving Senator Cullum a walkover.

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